

Youth Council Accepting Applications

The Kannapolis Youth Council has opened applications for the 2022-2023 year. High school-aged students who live within the Kannapolis City limits are eligible to apply to be on the Youth Council.

Applications are due at 5 p.m. on March 31. Selected students will serve from May 2022 through May 2023.

The Council's goal is to create opportunities for students to become engaged in leadership development, provide avenues for high school students to volunteer, develop leadership skills, develop high standards for behavior, to refine communication abilities, practice teamwork and to have a line of communication to the adult



leadership in the decision-making process of the City.

To the greatest extent possible, the Youth Council will represent the geographic and educational diversity of the City with participants from the two public high schools located in the City, students living in the City but attending other public high schools, home school students, charter schools and private high schools.

Applications can be found at www.kannapolisnc.gov/youth-council. For more information, contact Annette Privette Keller, Director of Communications, at 704-920-4311 or aprivettekeller@kannapolisnc.gov.

Kannapolis Farmers Market Seeking Vendors



The Kannapolis Farmers Market is looking for vendors for Summer 2022. If you are a farmer, artisan, crafter or baker, we would love for you to participate in the market.

The market is looking for people who offer a wide variety of fresh local produce, as well as cheese, ice cream, honey, baked goods, spices, jewelry, soaps, candies, crafts, pottery, hand-crafted wood items, art and more. Vendors pay an annual membership fee of \$30 and a weekly

rental fee of \$10 per 14-foot space. The market is open May through September and operates every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the corner of Vance Avenue and Dale Earnhardt Boulevard.

For more information on the Farmers Market, visit www.kannapolisnc.gov/farmersmarket. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Irene Sacks at isacks@kannapolisnc.gov or 704-920-4326.

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RUN KANNAPOLIS 5K SERIES RETURNS THIS SPRING

We are excited to announce that the Run Kannapolis 5K Series is back. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in this unique series featuring the best 5K runs/walks in the City.

Each run is held in Kannapolis and hosted by a nonprofit that benefits from the entry fees. Most of the runs include a one-mile fun run and Strides for Stroke will include a new 10K option.

Join the thousands of people who have participated in Run Kannapolis over the years. Run Kannapolis is part of the City of Kannapolis' Discover a Healthy Life brand and cosponsored by Atrium Health.

We anticipate hosting four more runs this Fall. Details will be announced at a later date. Runners/walkers are encouraged to participate in the entire series of eight races for unique prizes from the City of Kannapolis.

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COVID-19 TESTING

Find COVID testing/vaccine information at www.cabarrushealth.org and at rowancountync.gov/covid-19.





2022 Run Kannapolis Series
 March 12 – *Rhythm & Run*, 8 a.m.
 April 9 – *Strides for Stroke*, 9 a.m.
 April 30 – *Spring It On*, 8 a.m.
 May 11 – *Jiggy with the Piggy*, 6:30 p.m.

Host Organization
 N.C. Music Hall of Fame
 Atrium Health
 Kannapolis Education Foundation
 Kannapolis Parks and Recreation

Register at www.runkannapolis.com; registration is \$15 per race or register for all four now and save 25%.

Good luck with the 2022 Run Kannapolis series and we hope to see you at the finish line!

POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE LIFE SAVING AWARD

The Kannapolis Police Department has presented the Lifesaving Award to three officers for their quick actions that resulted in saving the life of a person last fall.

Officers Bryan C. Crim, P. Antonio Ramirez and Colby V. Richardson were recently presented with the award by Kannapolis Police Chief Terry Spry.



Kannapolis Police Officers Bryan C. Crim, P. Antonio Ramirez and Colby V. Richardson

Last fall, Officers Crim and Richardson responded to an attempted suicide call. Once they arrived, they found a person who had used a ligature to hang himself outside of the home. The person was unresponsive. They were able to lift the person, remove the ligature from his neck and place him on

the ground. Once he was on the ground, Officers Crim and Richardson began CPR and continued giving CPR until being relieved by Officer Ramirez, who also arrived at the residence. All three continued their lifesaving efforts until medical personnel arrived on the

scene and took the man to the hospital where he survived his injuries.

"If it were not for the quick and decisive actions of Officers Crim, Richardson and Ramirez, the patient would have likely passed away. Their teamwork was critical in saving the life of this person. Their actions are in keeping with the highest ideals of law enforcement and our department, and for this we present them with the Lifesaving Award," Chief Spry said.

"This award is one of the highest honors you can receive in our department and we are grateful for their actions in saving one of our residents."

FREE SHRED EVENT PLANNED FOR APRIL

On Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. until noon, the Kannapolis Parks and Recreation Department will host a free document shredding event at Village Park, 700 West C Street.

This event is for Kannapolis residents only. Document shredding is limited to five file boxes per person, which is the equivalent of two 40-gallon trash bags. No businesses please.



CITY RECEIVES FINANCIAL RECOGNITIONS

The City of Kannapolis recently received recognition that its financial health is strong. The City received an award for its budget and a "clean audit," both indicators of the financial strength of the City.

First, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presented the Distinguished Budget Award to the City of

Kannapolis. This is the 21st consecutive year the City has received this honor.

The award is given to municipalities who publish a budget that is a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and is used as a communications device. The Kannapolis budget was found to be proficient in those four categories and met 14 mandatory criteria in order to achieve the award.

The GFOA recognized the budget document for its good discussion of the City's long-range financial plan, including a good summary of revenues and expenditures, and a multi-year financial forecast through 2026. The budget also includes long-range financial plans for the City's operating budget, including forecasts, trends or other data reflective of the City operating budgets for at least three years beyond the budget period.

Secondly, the City's recent audit report of its finances shows the City is financially sound and, therefore, received a "clean" or "unmodified" opinion. The unmodified opinion from the auditors of Martin and Starnes – an independent auditing firm –

means the City has no weaknesses, no issues and no findings that would signal any problems with the financial health of the City.

The audit report found the City has a healthy fund balance (savings account) and a stable property tax base which continues to grow. The State requires Kannapolis have a minimum of 8% of the general fund in the fund balance in case of emergencies or unexpected expenses. Kannapolis currently has 30.7% – or 16 weeks – of operating expenses in the fund balance account. (It is the City's policy to maintain between 25% and 33% in fund balance).

The City receives an audit each year in order to meet legal requirements, to be transparent and to ensure there are no issues with the accounting procedures of the municipality.

For more information on the City's budget and audit, go to <https://www.kannapolisnc.gov/Government-Departments/Finance>.



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